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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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CALVARY — The Sinner's Hell in Review

By Rev. Harold B. Sightler
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John the Baptist was holding a great revival out by the River Jordan. Multitudes were coming to hear him. There went out, the Scripture says, "all Jerusalem and Judaea" to hear John the Baptist. Many thousands repented and were baptized.

One who heard John preach was a man named Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Both were fishermen. One day Andrew and another man named John, later called John the Beloved, stood hearing John the Baptist preach. John the Baptist said, "Behold! There He is! The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is the one pictured by all the lambs slain on smoking altars in the Old Testament."

So these two followed Jesus, who asked them, "What seek ye?"

They replied, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou?"

He answered them, "Come, and see."

They went and saw where He dwelt, and abode with Jesus that day, and they came away never the same.

Now read John 1:40-42a.

"One of the two which heard John speak was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus."

This is a wonderful short story of a man who got saved and won his brother. Now notice again, "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." Andrew has just been saved; isn't it good that he wanted to be a soul winner? Andrew became a Christian and a soul winner the same day. As far as we know Andrew is one of the first of the twelve disciples to be converted and started to follow Jesus, maybe the first one mentioned in the Gospels, aside from John the Baptist, who won souls. So he won his own brother. That is a wonderful thing. John was having many people saved out by the River Jordan. Jesus came, John saw Him and announced Him, and Andrew followed Him and was saved. Now Andrew wins his brother.

Andrew Was Saved Before He Could Do Christian Work

How did Andrew win his brother? First, he got saved himself. It is foolishness to talk about anybody doing Christian work that is acceptable until he comes to know Jesus Christ as his own Saviour. You say, "I believe in the church." That isn't enough. Have you been converted? Do you know the Lord Jesus? Does the Spirit of God dwell in you? Are you a born-again, changed man? If not, you have no right to do any kind of Christian work. It cannot be acceptable to God.

I was very much astonished when I was invited to a city-wide campaign in a Georgia city to find that some mill men, officers in a great cotton mill in the town, were put on the committee, though they were obviously unconverted men. They were put on the com-

mittee to work up the plans, do the advertising, raise the money for the revival campaign. You may be assured their part was not successful. And nobody is fit to serve the Lord until he himself knows the Lord. So Andrew himself first came to Jesus.

Is there anybody trying to teach a Sunday School class? Is there anybody who sings in a choir? Is there anybody who takes some official position in the church? Then in Jesus' name, first come to Jesus and make sure your sins are forgiven.

I just today got a printed pamphlet from a dear man who went through college and seminary before he was converted. Then, after already trying to preach, he found the Saviour and was born again. That is late. Andrew first got saved himself. Isn't that good? He wanted to see Jesus; he followed Jesus home; his heart was open. It wasn't any trouble for him to get saved.

If you want Jesus, draw near. (Continued on page 12)

God Answers Prayer By Changing the Hearts of Men

By Dr. Charles Blanchard
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"The heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."—Prov. 21:1.

"And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched."—1 Sam. 10:26.

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul."—Acts 16:14.

I have referred several times in this writing to the fact that God, in answer to prayer, changes the hearts of men. I desire, since the matter is of such importance, to deal with it, if not more explicitly, at least at somewhat greater length, for our lives are determined very largely by the lives of those about us and in turn our

lives affect them and if in either case the influence is unhappy, there is call for change.

I suppose that the average man would say that it would be easier for God to change a man's mind than to send water out of a rock or bread from the clouds. I look upon this impression as absolutely mistaken. In my judgment, it is far easier to change the order of things than to change the movements of a human soul.

I believe that a real conversion is a far greater marvel than a resurrection from the dead. I may be mistaken; I hope I am, but it is my conviction that men who doubt God's power to interfere with nature doubt His power to interfere with human souls. I think that most of them in their heart of hearts disbelieve in the regeneration of a human soul. They all believe in the duty of improvement and the possibility of improvement, but so far as I am acquainted with them, they doubt miraculous changes in human souls.

I do not know what they make of such Bible records as that concerning Saul. I do not see how

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One of the blessed truths of the Bible is set forth in II Corinthians 5:19: "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Again in verse 21 of the same chapter this blessed truth is restated, "For he hath

made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Jesus at Calvary has paid the sin-debt for every trusting sinner. He suffered all the wrath of a holy God. He received my judgment in my place and in my stead. Because He died, I shall never die. Because of His work at Calvary, I am eternally free from the curse of sin.

If you will look at the sufferings of Calvary you will discover that Jesus suffered the agony of Hell. It is impressively noticeable the parallel between the suffering of Calvary and the sufferings of Hell which the rich man received as recorded in Luke 16.

Blessed truth, indeed, that since He suffered for me, I am freed from the curse of sin. Since He has satisfied the righteous demand of God's law, salvation is offered to any trusting sinner.

Notice with me the sufferings of Jesus upon the cross. As I call these things to your mind, please note the rich man as he suffers the very same things in Hell.

I. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Separation

Matthew 27:46: "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, . . . My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" At the very end of the long three-hour supernatural darkness God turned His back upon His only begotten Son. Jesus died alone, being separated from the face of His father.

Only the lost sinner in Hell can feel the depth and the doom of this separation. No living sinner or saint could possibly feel the extent of such separation.

The only time in the record of the New Testament that Jesus addressed His father as "My God" is on this occasion. Indeed, His heavenly Father is now a God of judgment upon the son.

In Luke 16 the record tells us of the "great gulf" which separated the rich man from the Paradise of Abraham's bosom. The gulf made it impossible for Abraham to offer relief and for the rich man to escape the fire of Hell.

As a trusting sinner, I am rejoicing in the fact that never shall I be separated from God. The day shall never be when God shall turn His face away from me. We are eternally "made nigh by the blood of his cross."

II. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Shame

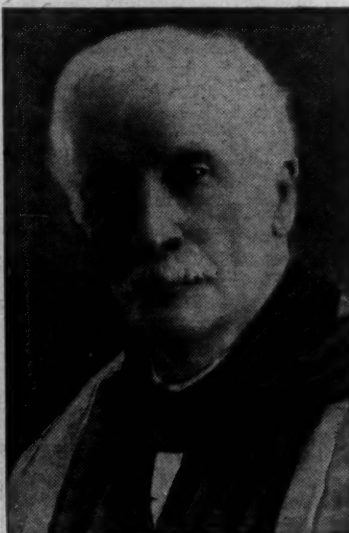
If possible, seek to imagine the unthinkable shame Jesus suffered on Calvary. He who knew no sin and who walked altogether holy in His earthly journey, was stripped of all His garments and hung naked before the gaze of those who milled about the cross.

Sinners are, thus, naked before the searching eye of God. Their sins are ever before Him. The anger of God shall soon consume them. They have no hiding place in the time of judgment.

He was unclothed that I might be clothed upon with the righteousness of God. He was put to shame that I might be assured of only glory in eternity. Not one of you would be willing to have all the secrets of your life flashed upon a screen before the eyes of your friends and family. Does it not lift our hearts to know this will never be done? The blood of Jesus' cross has covered all my sins. They have been washed away. They are removed from me as far as "the east is from the west."

Again, in Luke 16 the rich man suffered shame, while upon the earth he fared "sumptuously every day." He had all any man could desire—servants, clothing, a palace, fame; but in Hell he had nothing but shame. His shame was so great until he would have gladly exchanged places with poor and sick Lazarus. Lazarus, in Abraham's bosom, had glory and rest.

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Dr. Charles Blanchard



Rev. Harold B. Sightler



Did you pay attention to the giant \$1.00 sale announced last week in THE SWORD OF THE LORD? Perhaps you should take up last week's paper again and note the remarkable prices.

The most popular and most expensive books we have offered, the first copy at the regular price, and the second copy ordered at the same time for only \$1.00 more.

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Note those savings. Please add postage and packing charges.

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A Day at Chariton, Iowa, With Independent Fundamental Churches

These notes are written Wednesday, February 10. This morning I have just returned from Chariton, Iowa, where I spoke three times yesterday as guest speaker of the Independent Fundamental Churches of South-eastern Iowa, meeting at the Chariton Bible Church. Although a snow storm raged all day, pastors and people came from as far as fifty miles, and we had a profitable, heart-warming day. I went out to Iowa Monday night, getting off the train at 4:20 Tuesday morning. Had a little rest, then breakfast at the hotel before going to church to speak. And I had an hour's rest in the afternoon before speaking again at 3:00, then out for dinner with some of the brethren, and I spoke again last night. The train from Chariton had no pullman car, so I sat up in the coach all night, arrived in Chicago at 5:00 a.m., had breakfast and was out at the office ready to go to work five minutes after eight this morning.

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Our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund Needs Help

From Japan, a letter from a noble missionary thanks us for THE SWORD OF THE LORD which he has received the last year through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. He asked if the paper can be sent another year. He has three sons in school, there have been surgical operation and heavy expenses. He does not want to miss the paper. Of course, we will send it to him another year.

From India a missionary writes telling of great blessings through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and asking if we can supply it for another year. He, too, will receive the paper. And these are typical of thousands, including missionaries, national pastors in foreign countries, some ministerial students, some retired ministers, and others who ought to have THE SWORD OF THE LORD through this Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund.

At one time we had over 800 native Japanese pastors who, by their own requests, received THE SWORD OF THE LORD. They could read English (studied it in high school), they were not allowed to send American dollars out of the country and they were sent THE SWORD through our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. Many of them still get it that way.

Over 300 priests of the Independent Catholic Church of the Philippine Islands requested Christian literature and we sent THE SWORD OF THE LORD along with thousands of dollars' worth of Sword books.

On a recent count more than 1,000 missionaries were getting THE SWORD OF THE LORD, many of them through this gift fund. I believe that money given to this fund to help us send subscriptions to needy cases will be greatly honored of the Lord and will do great good. Can you help? Then send your gift for this Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund; address THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Three Professions of Faith in This Morning's Mail

It is a constant joy to get letters, usually every day, sometimes five or six letters a day, telling how people have found Christ through Sword of the Lord literature.

This morning in the first mail there are three such happy letters telling of salvation. One is from a man in the Cook County Jail in Chicago accused of murder (though he says it was an accident). But it is a joyous, happy letter, a triumphant letter. This troubled man tells how his life has been changed, how different now are his interests, and that

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INCIDENTS and Illustrations



By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Drunken Infants

Police broke up a wine party at the Rock Island, Illinois, apartment of James Edward Schultz the other night. Schultz and a friend were arrested first and charged with intoxication and disturbing the peace, then later Mrs. Schultz was arrested.

Police rushed the Schultz children to the hospital when they found them in a drunken stupor due to alcohol and the youngsters were treated for over-indulgence of wine. The older child, Nora, was two years old. The younger one, James, was one year old! In Norfolk, Virginia, a father gave his son three ounces of whiskey and a half can of beer. The son was six weeks old! The court fined the derelict dad \$500 and sent him to jail for a month.

Even for days when parents are "without natural affection" (II Tim. 3:3), these are especially disgusting and revolting revelations. How strange it is that parents could allow such tiny tots to drink demon booze. Well did Shakespeare write,

"What fools men are
To put this demon in their mouths
To steal their brains away."

Sudden Death

In one of my revival meetings a lady came up to me after the service to tell me how much she and her husband had appreciated THE SWORD OF THE LORD during the past five years. Then, sadly, she told how he had kissed her good-bye as he left for work one day the month previously, saying, "I'll see you tonight, Honey," but two hours later he had stepped across the border separating the dead from the living. In his case, sudden death had arrived in the form of a heart attack.

No one knows the bounds of his habitation (Job 14:1, 2, 5). How it behooves each of us to be ready for the summons! Someone, I have no idea who, wrote the following lines about death:

"What is death? Oh! what is death?
'Tis the snapping of the chain—
'Tis the breaking of the bowl—
'Tis relief from every pain—
'Tis freedom to the soul—
'Tis the setting of the sun
To rise again tomorrow,
A brighter course to run,
Nor sink again to sorrow.
Such is death! Yes, such is death!

"What is death? Oh! what is death?
'Tis slumber to the weary—
'Tis rest to the forlorn—
'Tis shelter to the dreary—
'Tis peace amid the storm—
'Tis the entrance to our home—
'Tis the passage to that God
Who bids His children come,
When their weary course is trod.
Such is death! Yes, such is death!"

Unsaintly Saint

The police may have put St. Agatha out of business the other day when they shut down the twice-weekly bingo games being held at the Roman Catholic church named in honor of Miss Agatha. It seems that more than half of the parish's ninety thousand dollars yearly income has been raised annually the last seven years through bingo games. The church charged one dollar each for bingo cards.

The church, located in Philadelphia, lost out when Police Commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons had the matter called to his attention. Gibbons said, "I didn't know it was going on. There was nothing I could do but stop it. It's a violation of the gambling law." The ministers of five rival churches "informed" on the law-breaking gamblers.

God never meant the financing of His church to be brought about by fund-raising schemes—either legal or illegal. Paul advised the

Southern Baptist Fellowship Plans

News and Membership Opportunities of the South-Wide Fellowship Including Southern Baptists, Conservative Baptists, Bible Baptists, Independent Baptists, Missionary Baptists, etc.

By the Editor

In 1955 Dr. Lee Roberson of Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, was the guest speaker at the Carolina Baptist Fellowship, a group of fundamental, premillennial Baptists without regard to Convention ties or lack of them. They asked him to call a south-wide meeting to plan for a Southern Baptist fellowship. In that fall Baptists from all the South met in the missionary conference at Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, the Southern Baptist Fellowship was organized and came back to Chattanooga for the 1956 meeting.

In 1957 the meeting was at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, with Pastor Harold B. Sightler.

In 1958 it was at Brent Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, Rev. Dolphus Price, pastor.

In 1959 the annual meeting was at Salem Baptist Church at Winston-Salem.

The 1960 meeting will be held at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor. The meeting date is always on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday after Thanksgiving, which this year will be November 28, 29, and 30.

The Southern Baptist Fellowship is distinctly a fellowship, not a convention, not a denomination. The term "Southern Baptist" is used because it is a fellowship of Baptists principally in the South and because the Fellowship is Baptist, and does not refer to any official connection with the Southern Baptist Convention. Actually there are many Baptist groups represented in the South, and among them fundamental, premillennial, soul-winning Baptists are included who are Southern Baptists, Conservative Baptists, Bible Baptists, Missionary Baptists, and independent Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Fellowship does not have any denominational institutions, has no money-raising program. It is distinctly a fellowship.

Presidents or moderators of the Southern Baptist Fellowship have been Dr. Lee Roberson, Rev. Harold Sightler, Rev. Joe Boyd; for the ensuing year the officers are: Moderator, Evangelist John R. Rice; Vice-Moderator, Dr. Charles H. Stevens, president Piedmont Bible College, pastor of Salem Baptist Church; Secretary, Rev. John Waters of Laurens, South Carolina; Treasurer, Rev. Bob Gray of Jacksonville, Florida. The chairman of the program committee is Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga.

Hundreds of Christian workers in the South and some outside the South are members of this Southern Baptist Fellowship.

Membership: Who May Join?

Those are invited to join who are in hearty agreement with the doctrinal position and the principles of the Southern Baptist Fellowship, and who have a heart-kinship for those in the Fellowship. To join, two things are required.

First, one must agree with the statement of faith of the Fellowship.

Corinthians, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:2). A tithing church will be a thriving church!

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

Thru February 28:
Calvary Baptist Church
Quincy, Illinois

March 6-20:
Calvary Baptist Church
Cherry at Bayliss
Midland, Michigan

ship which is fundamental, premillennial, and is against "collaboration or participation with all forms of modernism."

Second, he must agree for his name to be published as a member.

There is no membership fee. However, for the expense of printing and mailing to each member the annual pamphlet, including the statement of faith, reports and membership lists, it would be well if each one who joins would send \$1.00 to the treasurer, Rev. Bob Gray, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, 426 South McDuff Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida.

The Statement of Faith of the Southern Baptist Fellowship

We believe in the verbal inspiration of the 66 books of the Bible in its original writings and that it is without error and is the sole authority in all matters of faith and practice.

We believe there is only one true God, existing in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are co-eternal and co-equal from all eternity, each with distinct personalities but of one essence.

We believe that Adam was created without sin but fell by disobedience and thus the whole race fell and is by nature spiritually dead and lost.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, co-existent with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and that He came to the world, born of a virgin, shed His blood on Calvary as a vicarious substitute for all sin, that He was buried and rose again bodily and ascended to the right hand of the Father.

We believe in the Person and work of the Holy Spirit which includes conviction of sin, regeneration of sinners, and indwelling believers.

We believe that a soul is saved when Christ is accepted as personal Saviour and Lord and the Holy Spirit imparts eternal life.

We believe that it is the plan of God for each believer to walk after the Spirit and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

We believe in the eternal preservation and therefore the eternal perseverance of the saints.

We believe in the immersion of the believer in water to signify His death, burial

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A Modernist Preacher Saved

A few months ago an article under the above heading in THE SWORD OF THE LORD gave the remarkable, heart-warming story by Rev. Carl Woodbury, pastor of Community Baptist Church, Brookneal, Virginia, of how he joined the church without being saved, went to Baptist schools (Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, Crozer Seminary). He tells how he grew up in self-righteousness, how as a "nice boy" in a Baptist family he joined the church, how in his college work he was led from mysticism to evolution, neo-orthodoxy and outright modernism, and then how "reason led me to the Bible; the Bible led me to Christ."

Now Brother Woodbury is on fire for the Lord, filled with the Spirit, winning souls, and he wants his testimony gotten out very widely.

That article has been printed in a nice pamphlet entitled "A Lost Preacher Saved" with 16 pages for widespread distribution, and you may have them for 10c each, 50c per dozen, \$3.75 per hundred. You may order from Rev. Carl T. Woodbury, Brookneal, Virginia.

Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Such lovely mail I have gotten this week. I wish it were possible for you to sit with me at my desk and read some of the letters. There were nice notes from our old friends, Charlotte Smith and Jennifer Raker. And a nice long letter from the Decker family in Lancaster, Wisconsin, I especially want to share part of with you. They write:

"Dear Aunt Mary:

"We enjoy Kids Korner very much. Each evening we have family devotions together and at that time Daddy always reads us a story besides the Bible. He reads us Kids Korner and now is reading *Bird Life in Wington*. A friend gave us the book, so we have already read it, but are enjoying it again. We have forgotten many things in the book.

"There are four children in our family and all of us are also members of God's family. . . . The three oldest have been baptized and are members of our church of which Daddy is the preacher. He loves the Lord Jesus, and Mamma has been in Heaven almost three years now. . . .

"Each morning we have devotions by ourselves in our room at which time we read from the Bible and pray. Even Karen, who is five years old,

tries to read her Bible and pray. We know she can't read, but she doesn't like it when we tell her that she can't read her Bible."

And the older Decker children, Janet, David, and Paul, each enclosed 25c from their own allowances to pay for their gold sword pins.

I think we can let the Decker family's letter do our advising today, don't you? The wonderful example they set for "Sword-Bearers" of Bible reading and prayer alone and together we are especially proud of. And I suspect that may be harder for them all since their Mother is in Heaven. We are so proud to add their names to our membership list.

We have gotten letters from many others of our friends telling us how much they are enjoying *Bird Life in Wington*. Johnny Himes, who is eight, read the last chapter in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, and was so thrilled that he went to our bookshelves to get the book and read more of the story right away. Most of you can't do that, since you probably don't have the book, but you may want to order it. Look at the end of the chapter for instructions on how to order.

Now, from our favorite book of the moment, we read.

Prodigal Parents



Mrs. Warbler sat on them till they hatched.

"What is the matter with the young birds nowadays? Why are so many of them so wild?" How often these questions are asked in Wington when it is reported how many young birds quarrel and cheat and steal and stay out late at night! It is common knowledge that the Owl children and the Bat children sometimes stay out until dawn!

Well, Mr. J. Edgar Kingbird says—and, being the Head of the FBI (the Feathered Bureau of Investigation) he should know—Mr. Kingbird says the real trouble with the young birds is the old birds—by which he means their fathers and mothers.

For example, it is not surprising that the Owl children stay out until the wee small hours, because their parents are night-owls themselves! Not so very long ago as Mr. and Mrs. Owl started out to their club one evening, Mrs. Owl said to little Hoo-Hoo Owl, "Don't bother to wait up for us, dear. We have a key." But, when she and Mr. Owl returned several hours later, little Hoo-Hoo opened the door for them, said Mrs. Owl, "You should have gone to sleep. I told you we had a key." "Yes," said little Hoo-Hoo, "but Grandmother is not in yet, and she does not have a key!"

But, back to Mr. J. Edgar Kingbird. "So many parents," he says, "being quite busy with parties and meetings of all kinds, allow their children to roam the woods and the fields, leaving the responsibility of their upbringing to nurses and neighbors and teachers

and the Sunday School. But, it does not work," says he, "because there is no substitute for the love and care and the personal attention which every little bird needs and has the right to expect from its own father and mother. In general," insists Mr. Kingbird, "the wildness of the young birds is accounted for by the neglect of the old birds."

A good example—or rather, a bad example—is Mrs. Cowbird. Do you know how she raises her children? She is too lazy to build her own nest and too taken-up with parties and clubs to hatch her own eggs. So, the other day while Mrs. Warbler was attending choir rehearsal, Mrs. Cowbird sneaked up to her nest and slipped one of her own eggs into the little brown pocket—then sneaked away again.

When Mrs. Warbler returned, she explained, "What, again? Twice is once too many! I'll not do it a second time!" You see, Mrs. Cowbird did the same thing last year, and Mrs. Warbler, having a very warm heart under her warm feathers, let the egg stay. And, having placed three of her

Will You Share a Burden With Me?

Save Both of Us Money With
a 30-Month Renewal for \$5.00

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

For the past two months I have taken time away from the evangelistic field to help Dr. Rice with several burdens in the Wheaton office of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

One great burden has been to increase the outreach of the paper into as many homes as possible. Part of this problem is also to get back as many renewals as possible each month.

Recently we made a special thirty months for \$5.00 renewal offer to a group of subscribers whose subscriptions were expiring. The offer received remarkable response. As we prayed together about the matter, Dr. Rice and I felt led to make this same offer in the paper for *three weeks only* to all of the regular subscribers to *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

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own beside it, she sat on all of them until they hatched. But, what do you think? Mrs. Elsie Cowbird's egg hatched two days earlier than her own. Thus Phoebe Cowbird had the start on the three little Warblers, and whenever Mrs. Warbler brought home a worm, Phoebe would grab it first and swallow it before one of the little Warblers could so much as get a nibble. She was so selfish and greedy that Mrs. Warbler's own little children almost starved to death, and all of them were very much relieved when one day Phoebe Cowbird flew away and never came back.

Everywhere Phoebe went she was selfish and quarrelsome, never dividing the worms and bugs she found, and stealing whatever she could from other birds. For this reason she was very unpopular in Wington. She was what one calls, "A Bad Egg"—only she was already hatched! Which was really worse than if she had never been born at all.

Her mother met her one day and gave her quite a scolding. "You should be ashamed of yourself," she said. "You are a disgrace to Wington. Why have you turned out like this? You have always had everything you wanted!" Which, perhaps was the very reason Phoebe was spoiled and wild. She had always had everything she wanted.

Be that as it may, now that she is grown she looks so much like her mother that you can hardly tell them apart—and acts like her too, for who do you suppose it was that laid the Cowbird egg in Mrs. Warbler's nest this year? Not Elsie, but Phoebe Cowbird! And that is what made Mrs. Warbler so angry when she found the second Cowbird egg in her nest. "Like mother, like daughter!" she exclaimed. "I'll never hatch another Cowbird egg as long as I live!"

So, she did a very clever thing. She just added another story to her nest—by which I mean, she put a new floor of grass and straw on top of the Cowbird egg and left it down there in that cold cellar while she hatched her own little brood in the nice warm nest above.

So far as I know, Phoebe Cowbird's egg is still there, unhatched, and by this time, no doubt, spoiled. And now you know why Phoebe Cowbird has no little children. Perhaps you will agree with me that Phoebe and her kind do not deserve to have little children!

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I quote from a letter received some time ago from a former student of Bob Jones University: "In these days when Protestant denominations everywhere are being pressured by the many ramifications of heresy, it is good to hear the clarion tones of the cardinal doctrines of Scripture, and especially to hear these from an institution such as Bob Jones University. My own denomination is being plagued by certain tendencies, but I feel inspired, having been redeemed by grace, to use what influence I have for Good and Truth."

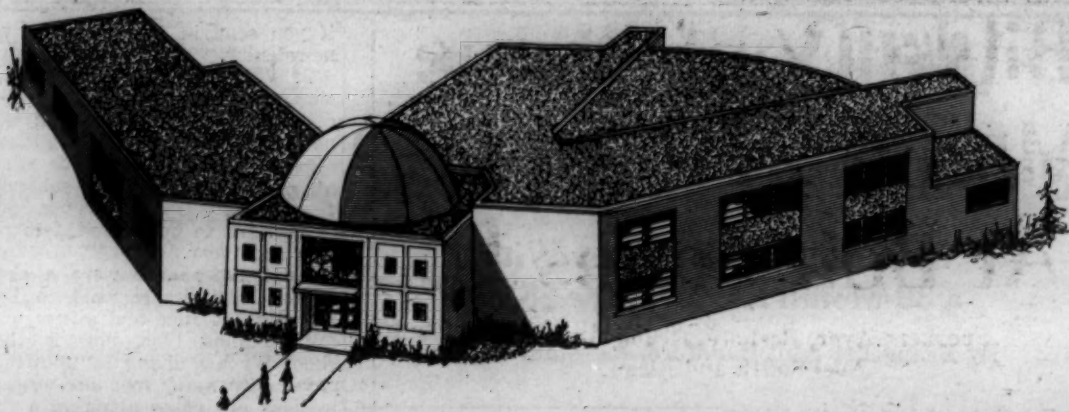
Sometimes we have a tendency to grow weary of the strain of carrying on the testimony of Bob Jones University; but I thank God for the wonderful influence it has all over the world. The graduates of this institution which the Lord led me to found are on many mission fields. Some of our former students are preaching the Gospel in every state of the Union, and we have hundreds of Christian school teachers in all parts of the

world who are standing true to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you could see the letters that come to our desks, you would join us in saying, "Surely God called us to found this school whose influence is felt in practically all parts of the world."

You can have a part in what we are doing. First: You can pray for us. Pray earnestly that God will keep this school true and faithful to Him in all things. Second: You can help contact the right kind of young people and tell them about Bob Jones University. Third: You can invest some of the Lord's money in the work we are doing. Yes, you can have a part in the marvelous things that God is doing through this institution which He led me to found thirty-three years ago. Please let us hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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Artist's conception of the Bob Jones University Science Building, showing home economics wing at left and natural sciences wings center and right. The planetarium dome shows plainly in the foreground; the lecture amphitheaters are contained in

the segment between the center and right wings. Drawing is by Mr. Darell Koons of the University art faculty from plans by Mr. Robert Craig of the University staff.

New Science Building Nearly Completed at B. J. U.

Work is nearing completion on a new Science Building on the campus of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president, has announced that the new facilities will be ready for use at the opening of the fall semester.

Housed in the new building will be the classrooms, laboratories, and offices for the Departments of the Natural Sciences and Home Economics. The existing facilities of these departments will be released for use by the students of Bob Jones Academy.

The exterior of the fire-proof structure is built of cream brick similar to that used in the other University buildings. Decorative ceramic panels at the main entrance lend interest.

A planetarium dome, thirty feet in diameter, forms the hub of the three-winged structure which is located just east of the Rode-

heaver Auditorium, facing south toward the new gymnasium. A pie-shaped segment between two of the wings contains three lecture amphitheaters, which will be equipped for demonstrations and motion-picture and slide projection.

Furnishings utilizing the latest types of specialized equipment have been designed in consultation with the science faculty and are being custom built for the various physics, chemistry, biology, and electronics laboratories.

The modern laboratory tables will be provided with fume-exhaust hoods. Hot and cold water, steam, natural gas, compressed air, and oxygen will be piped to the individual work areas from a central utilities distribution vault. Both AC and DC of various voltages will be available.

THE GOD OF LOVE Is THE GOD OF HATE

By Rev. John Boehmer
Adapted from a radio message

There are some subjects that we preachers avoid—usually at God's expense! That is why I choose just now the subject, "The God of love is the God of hate!"

I do not want to shock you, but to stir you to see a very much neglected truth—the holy hatred with which God views every form and degree of sin. In fact, I will go even further and say that you cannot fully appreciate the love of God in our Lord Jesus Christ toward sinners until you apprehend the holy hatred of God toward sin.

While I was attending Seminary in Dallas, Texas, we learned to challenge the statements that men made by asking the very simple question—"passage and verse?" We meant by asking this, "Where is it found in the Word of God?"

There are at least ten such passages. Here are samples—one from the Old Testament and one from the New. In Amos 5:21, you will read where God states, "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I

will take no delight in your solemn assemblies." And Hebrews 1:9, speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ as God, declares, "thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity." So you see that the Bible confirms the fact that the God of love is the God of hate.

Men need to know this fact. Without a proper view of God's hatred of all ungodliness, you will tend to have a distorted view of both God and of sin. Someone has well said, "He that has light views of sin will have light views of God." I am not alone in these convictions.

The great Scottish preacher, Dr. Alexander Whyte, was once discussing with a church member what points should be considered in choosing a new minister. Dr. Whyte ended by saying with great earnestness, "Be sure he is sound on sin." And Bishop Moule stated as his conviction that "every heresy shows some subtle connection with adequate views of the exceeding sinfulness of sin."

The God of the Bible, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is a holy God! Now men have robbed God of His holy character. They have a mental image of the God of the universe as a sort of religious Santa Claus or a solicitous Salesman of eternity. And they lose sight of Him whose countenance outshines the sun. God is holy!

Because He is a holy God, men are required to worship Him in the beauty of holiness. Our hearts need to be established "unblameable in holiness before our God and Father."

When you get a proper perspective of the terrible and glorious holiness of God, you suddenly realize there is no such thing as "a little sin." You no longer try to distinguish "mortal and venial"; black and white and grey degrees of sin. It was just one sin—by

our standards a sin that would be called trifling—that wrenched the whole human race out of fellowship with God and drenched the pages of history with the record of fallen man's fallen behavior. One act of disobedience to God's revealed will; one step on forbidden ground; one "no" said to God and one "yes" said to Satan was enough to bring physical and spiritual death on humanity. Are you beginning to understand why I must be a herald of holiness; a champion of God's character? And why I insist that the God of love is the God of hate?

You can readily see that this concept is basic to our view of salvation. If I ignore the holy hatred of God I can devise a "Peter-at-the-pearly-gates," "follow-the-Golden-Rule," "pick-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps," "do-the-best-you-can" salvation. I can drift through life on the smoke-rings of self satisfaction. I can treat Christianity with a take-it-or-leave-it attitude that varies with moods and circumstances.

But, when I understand that the God of love is the God of hate, then I must find bed-rock; I must seek and find God's way; I must come to the end of myself, my righteousness, my notions, my all—and throw open my heart to all that God has for me.

And what does He have? What provision has the God of love and of hate made? Let me show it to you. Come with me to a place called Calvary and we shall understand.

How can I describe this sacred scene? Look there beyond the passing throngs, beyond the soldiers and the women, and see upon the middle cross the Lord Jesus Christ. "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." There He hangs as my substitute; there He suffers in my room and stead; there He who knew no sin is made sin for me that I might be made the righteousness of God in Him; there He dies the Just for the unjust that He might bring us to God; there He bears our sins in His own body on the tree. I see now that God's holy hatred for sin—the price of redemption—reveals the holiness of God! I see too God's love triumphing as the way of righteousness is found to redeem my soul, to make me whole, to link me eternally in grace with my Saviour and my Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is only when men understand

With the Evangelists

By the Editor

EVANGELIST DENZEL MILLER, 2742 - 4th Avenue, Huntington 2, West Virginia, and Chalk Artist Paul Collins recently held a revival at the First Congregational Church of Edgewood, Iowa. The pastor, Rev. Murlin Hansel, reports 36 conversions and 4 rededications during the eight days.

Good word comes from **EVANGELIST JACK PARAMORE**, 2706 South Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, North Carolina. During 1959 the young evangelist saw 914 recorded decisions in 358 meetings. About 60 per cent of these decisions were first-time decisions for Christ with others for assurance, rededication, and dedication to full-time service. In one seven-day series in New Bern, North Carolina, there were 120 people who walked the aisle making decisions.

Evangelist Paramore is a young man who believes in the power of the Holy Spirit and requests the prayers of THE SWORD readers during his 1960 schedule with some 20 meetings arranged for already.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, was recently at the Belt Line Baptist Church in Mesquite, Texas, for a revival. There were 6 conversions and 4 who joined the church during the meeting, according to Rev. R. D. Phy, pastor. The pastor highly recommends Brother Duncan as a Spirit-filled preacher.

EVANGELIST BILL HALL, 129-B White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival at the Hillview Chapel in Fairmont, West Virginia, January 19-29. There were 7 saved and 14 rededications. At a local jail service 9 others were saved, one who had killed a police officer; and at a Youth Rally in Fairmont there were 5 saved and 7 rededications.

DR. PETER RUCKMAN, evangelist from Bay Minette, Alabama, was in the Bible Baptist Church of New Buffalo, Michigan, January 18-24. Pastor Marion E. Fast reports that during the seven nights there were capacity crowds at each service with 4 saved and a number of other good decisions among Christians during the meeting. One man, seventy-six years old, trusted Christ as Saviour in the home during the visitation work. Pastor Fast highly recommends Brother Ruckman's hard-hitting messages.

EVANGELIST JOE DAY, 229 East Irvington Avenue, South Bend 14, Indiana, writes to report a meeting held at the Crissey

that the cross of Christ is God's perfect solution to His hatred toward sin and His love toward sinners that they are able to come and find acceptance by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I conclude with the Saviour's invitation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

—From the Baptist Bulletin.

United Brethren Church, Crissey, Ohio, where Rev. Varion Thorp is pastor. In the two-week campaign, January 3-17, there were 30 conversions and 13 rededications. A number of those saved were men including one man sixty-three years of age.

EVANGELIST BOB PERSSON, 11 Winthrop Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, held a meeting in the Gospel Baptist Church of Cowpens, South Carolina, where Rev. Harold E. Richards, Jr., is pastor. The pastor reports 2 saved in the eight-day meeting, 3 who surrendered for full-time service, and 10 rededications. He reports, "Brother Persson has had the pastoral experience it takes for a successful evangelistic endeavor. Night after night he brought messages which hit at the sins in the lives of the church members."



Evangelist Hal Webb and musician Theron Babcock, a fundamentalist revival team blessed of God.

EVANGELIST HAL WEBB has in his party now Theron Babcock, organist and pianist, and Frank Chrispen, soloist and song leader. The address is 508 Buse Street, Ridley Park, Pennsylvania. They have just closed a good campaign with Dr. W. W. Breckbill, former president of the

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Book Reviews

By Contributing Editor
Robert L. Sumner

AN EXPOSITION OF THE WHOLE BIBLE, by G. Campbell Morgan; Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, New Jersey; \$6.95; 542 pp.

Here is a very brief commentary on the entire Bible, chapter by chapter, from the pen of a recognized scholar of considerable repute. Actually, it is not as much a commentary as it is chapter summary. The publishers describe Morgan's work as that of binding "together the central thought of all the chapters, as a road-building engineer might bind together main and tributary avenues of travel into a cross-continental highway."

Probably laymen, especially those active in some phase of teaching, will find this more helpful than ministers who would usually prefer weightier material.

RUTH, A LIFE OF LOVE AND LOYALTY, by Charles E. Fuller; Fleming H. Revell Co., Westwood, New Jersey; \$2.00; 123 pp.

This is a delightfully charming volume of ten chapters from the pen of a greatly used radio personality. It follows the form of a running commentary with attention called to important spiritual applications. It points plainly and tenderly to Christ, our divine Kinsman Redeemer. Although the book in general is geared to Christians, there is the usual evangelistic appeal so characteristic of Dr. Fuller's ministry on the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast.

WOMAN TO WOMAN, by Eugenia Price; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.95; 241 pp.

This is a typical "Genie" Price volume; those who have been enthusiastic over her past publications will like this one as well. In the main, it contains considerable helpful counsel for women in areas of their private and public lives where help is usually needed. There is much practical thought for holy, peaceful living in troubled days. However, some of the advice seems ill-advised and there is danger that other counsel will be misunderstood, in this reviewer's judgment, especially that pertaining to husbands and children—realms where Miss Price has not personally trod.

PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS, by C. B. Eavey; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$3.95; 283 large pages; indexed.

The author defines ethics as "the systematic study of standards of right and wrong in conduct . . . it stresses *being* as well as *doing*." He explains *Christian* ethics as the treatment "of the sources, the principles, and the practices of right and wrong in Christian conduct."

This is a helpful volume both for the classroom and personal study. It has ten big chapters and there are from 26 to 48 review questions at the close of each one. The author plans a forthcoming companion volume on the subject, "Practical Christian Ethics," explaining that the two together will comprise "a complete course in Christian Ethics," the one from the "theoretical (principles)" and the other from "the practical" aspects.

THE CHRISTIAN'S SAVING INTEREST, by William Guthrie; Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.95; 191 pp.

This is a reprint of a classic which has been "a household book in Scotland for nearly three hundred years" (p.14). James A. Stewart has revised and annotated the work, adding an interesting biographical sketch of the author in the front.

It is noteworthy that the word "interest" as Guthrie used it means "a right, title, or share in a thing; participation in advantage, profit, or responsibility." Hence, the book was written with assurance and peace of firm hope

in mind for the believer, and at the same time, to sound strong warning of false hope to the unrepentant.

There are two main parts to the book, with four chapters under each heading, namely: (1) The Trial of a Saving Interest in Christ; and, (2) How to Attain to a Saving Interest in Christ.

EVANGELICAL SERMONS OF OUR DAY, compiled and edited with special annotations by Andrew W. Blackwood; Harper & Brothers, New York; \$5.95; 383 pp.

This volume was a real let-down to this reviewer. Expecting something "special," he found it to be a compilation of 37 sermons, most of them very ordinary, by 37 different preachers.

There are six main groupings of sermons, with 5, 6 or 7 sermons in each grouping, under the following classifications: (1) The Background of the Gospel; (2) With Christ Before Calvary; (3) With Christ Near His End; (4) With Christ After the Ascension; (5) With Christ in Later Epistles; and, (6) With Christ in the Unknown Future.

STARLIT PATHS FOR PILGRIM FEET, by Merrill F. Unger; Dunham Publishing Company, Findlay, Ohio; \$3.00; 192 pp.

This is an excellent volume of devotional studies dealing with scriptural passages which refer to the stars. The seven chapters are: (1) Starlit Path Through Eternity Past; (2) Starlit Path Through Sin; (3) Starlit Path Through Testing; (4) Starlit Path Through Trial; (5) Starlit Path Through Trouble; (6) Starlit Path to the Saviour; and (7) Starlit Path to Glory.

The publisher is right in declaring, "In these pages the mature saint will find delight as well as the youngest believer. Anyone who delights in the spiritually sublime will find here a richly rewarding volume that is refreshingly different."

THE WORD OF THE CROSS, by Peter H. Eldersveld; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.00; 97 pp.

These ten sermons comprise the 20th anniversary volume of the Back-to-God Hour, the official radio voice of the Christian Reformed Church. Dr. Eldersveld, the director, has presented some highly interesting messages which exalt the Word of God, the blood of Christ and other fundamentals of the faith. This is a good book.

LOOK UP AND LIFT UP, by William J. March; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.75; 120 pp.

Here are 28 short sermons and 12 poems which can best be summed up as "pep talks on religion and psychology." They are of little spiritual value.

INTO THE LIGHT OF CHRISTIANITY, by William J. Schnell; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.95; 211 pp.

This is an examination of the basic doctrines of "Jehovah's Witnesses," so-called, in the light of the Word of God. Special attention is given to the Jehovah's Witnesses' claim that Hell is the grave, to the creation of man in the image of God, to the immortality of man's soul, and to the deity of Jesus Christ.

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DEVOTIONAL STUDIES IN PHILIPPIANS, by Lehman Strauss; Loizeaux Brothers, New York, New York; \$3.00; 253 pp.

Here are twenty-one devotional Bible studies dealing with the text of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. The meditations include such themes as praise, prayer, pleasure, pedigree, perspective, perfection, etc. The studies are well outlined and contain an abundance of cross-reference Scripture. They are sweet and blessed in content and will prove stimulating and thought-provoking to all who read them. An index

Bible Conference March 27-April 3 At Bob Jones U.

Speakers Ayer, Beshore, Grube, McComb
Noel Smith and Rice

Six guest speakers will be heard in the annual spring Bible Conference at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. March 27-April 3. Also during the week the Bob Jones University Alumni Association will meet, and the International Convention of the Young

Spurgeon and Smoking

By Dr. L. Sale-Harrison

Since many Christians have made excuses for their smoking by stating that Charles Haddon Spurgeon smoked, it is necessary to give the following explanation:

I was a member of the entertainment committee of the World Baptist Alliance in the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia in 1911. Some months prior to these meetings, Dr. Shakespeare, General Secretary of the Alliance, came to give instruction and advice in regard to the conduct of these gatherings.

At that time there came to Philadelphia a Baptist minister who had been the chief secretary of the late Charles Haddon Spurgeon. In his discussion of Spurgeon's life and of his loyalty to Christ, he told this story to Dr. Shakespeare and me:

"One Saturday morning Mr. Spurgeon went out for a walk, and when he came back, he said to me, 'I saw in a shop window down the street a can of tobacco, and on it a printed card reading: *Spurgeon's tobacco*.' Then he asked me, 'When the Lord calls me home, shall I be remembered by the tobacco I smoked or by the Lord I preached? I can never again smoke to the glory of God.' Immediately he picked up all of his smoking paraphernalia and threw it upon the fire. For nine months, to the day of his departure to glory, he never smoked again."

I was myself present when these statements were made. It was known that Spurgeon suffered greatly from gout and he may have thought that smoking eased the pain. However, in spite of this, he had finally come to the conclusion that his smoking dishonored the Lord, and had given it up.—Good News Broadcaster.

of Scripture texts enhances its value for the student.

DARWIN, EVOLUTION, AND CREATION, edited by Paul A. Zimmerman; Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri; \$3.95; 231 pp.

This valuable book has six chapters by four authors: (1) *Darwinism, Science, and the Bible* by Wilbert H. Ruch; (2) *In the Beginning God Created* by Raymond F. Surburg; (3) *The Evidence for Creation* by Paul A. Zimmerman; (4) *The Case for Evolution* by John W. Klotz; (5) *The Age of the Earth* by Zimmerman; and, (6) *The Influence of Darwinism* by Surburg. An extensive bibliography and indices of subjects, authors and Scripture passages add to the volume's worth. The men who wrote this book are "scientists, theologians, or both."

This is a reverent, scholarly approach to a tremendous problem facing the twentieth century church. This is definitely a must volume for every minister, layman and young person desiring to be informed about the Bible's relation to science and vice versa.

LIFE CRUCIFIED, by Oswald
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People's Fellowship Clubs will be held on the campus.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., the founder and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones University, and Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., University president, will speak several times during the Conference.

The guest speakers will be: Dr. William Ward Ayer, radio evangelist, author, and conference speaker from New York City, N. Y.; the Rev. Kenton Beshore, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oceanside, Calif.; Dr. Henry Grube, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, and president of Greystone Christian Grade School in Mobile, Ala.; Dr. John Hess McComb, pastor of the Northwest Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. John R. Rice, of Wheaton, Ill., evangelist, author, and editor of "Sword of the Lord"; and the Rev. Noel Smith, editor of the "Baptist Bible Tribune," Springfield, Mo.

The annual meeting of the Bob Jones University Alumni Association will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Mar. 31, and the annual convention of the Young People's Fellowship Clubs is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Saturday.

The Young People's Fellowship Club movement was founded in 1931 by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. The clubs consist of young people interested in personal evangelism, who meet regularly for Bible study and Christian fellowship.

Danger of Idleness

Master Greenham, a Puritan divine, was once waited upon by a woman who was greatly tempted. Upon making inquiries into her way of life, he found she had little to do, and Greenham said, "That is the secret of your being so much tempted. Sister, if you are very busy, Satan may tempt you, but he will not easily prevail, and he will soon give up an attempt." Idle Christians are not tempted of the devil so much as they tempt the devil to tempt them.—Spurgeon.

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Gold Star Non-Drinker's Family

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2.					
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Yes ☐ No ☐

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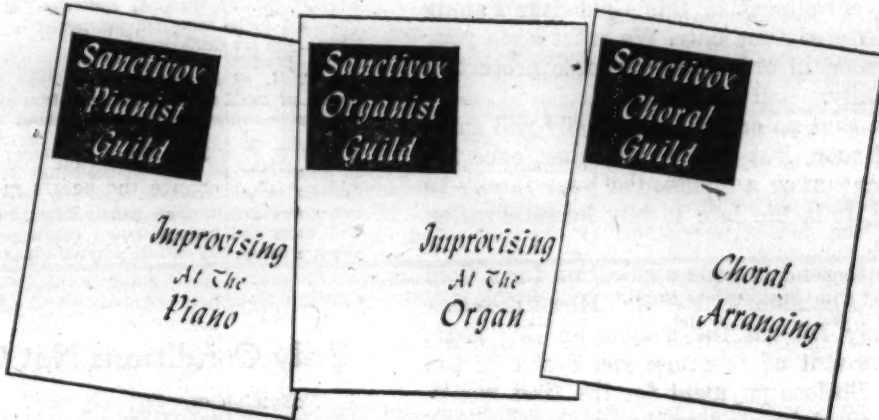
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God Answers Prayer

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they can believe that. If they did, it occurs to me that they would find it easy to believe that God, in case of need, could do such work nowadays and that if there were reason for it, He would do it.

But leaving this question to those concerned, I wish to record here my faith that God often-times answers our prayers by changing the hearts of men; that is, He grants us the thing we desire by bringing an influence to bear on the hearts of individuals, so that they cease to hinder and become helpers toward the thing which we rightfully ask from God, which we ask in the name of Jesus, which we ask praying in the Spirit, which we ask having the mind of Christ.

Abusive Husbands

I read many years ago of a wife who had become a Christian. Her husband was one of the coarse, loud-mouthed, ill-mannered, indecent heathen that we occasionally find in Christian lands. He objected to her going to the meetings. He threatened that if she did not discontinue her interest in her soul's welfare, that he would turn her out of the house and she had had abundant occasion in a heart-broken married life to know that he was capable of doing all that he threatened. But, deprived of most of the comforts of this life, she had made up her mind that she would not fail of the life eternal and so, with many prayers, she went steadfastly on.

At last the time came when members were to be received into the church where the meetings were being held. She had already confessed her faith as a Christian; she had asked for admission into the church. Her demonized husband said to her during the week preceding the Sunday on which members were to be received: "Do you intend to join the church?"

She said: "Yes, husband, I do." "Well," he said, "you understand that when you join that church you go out of this house."

"Yes," she said, "I understand," and still she waited in heart before God and kept waiting.

At last the day came—Sunday morning. They lived some miles from the village. She had been walking to and from the meetings though there were plenty of horses and conveyances on the premises. This Sunday morning early he again questioned her as to her purpose and she again declared her intention of going forward to unite with the church. Once more he threatened her with banishment from home should she do so, and still once again she declared her intention of obeying God rather than man. He was ill at ease—demonized persons are always ill at ease. If one possessed by the demon of pride, or vanity, or lust, or lying, or dishonesty, or any other demon, reads these words, he shall be my witness. He was ill at ease. The sky rebuked him. The earth rebuked him. His own heart rebuked him. God rebuked him and at last, surrendering to God, he came into the house and said to his wife: "I will have the team ready shortly." The evil spirit went out and Christ came in.

Murders by the War of Lords

How are we to explain that rulers who call themselves Christians can grind the faces of millions of peasants to build guns and warships and rifles and prepare ammunition and train millions of men to kill one another, with no cause to kill one another, by thousands and tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands, to widow wives, to orphan children, to destroy all the foundations of moral excellencies among the people? How are we to explain the fact that these miserable enemies of the human race can do such things as they are doing before our eyes today?

There is only one explanation. They are demonized and why are not these demons cast out? Largely because the preachers to whom these men have listened do not believe in the miracle-working power of God at all. They have for fifty or one hundred years been teaching that it is impossible

for God to work miracles, that it is impossible that Jesus should have been born as the Bible says He was.

They teach it is impossible that He should have wrought the works which the Bible assigns to Him, it is impossible that His death should have a redemptive character so that He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, and that by His stripes we should be healed. They have been teaching that it is impossible that He should have risen from the dead, that He should have ascended quietly from the Mount of Olives until clouds received Him out of their sight. All these things are declared to be impossible by these preachers who have been instructing these war lords.

And what is the natural result? Precisely what you see before you—men who believe in no God, men who believe in the righteousness of wholesale murder and slaughter, who can see men piled up with wood between the layers of men, the bodies of dear young fellows, the kisses of their mothers yet warm upon their lips, reduced to ashes or ground up in the mire by the wheels of the guns. We shall have more of these wars, of course we shall have more, until men repent and turn to God and unless some way or other they come to believe that the God who made the world can rule it, that the God who made man can change the heart of man.

One of My Fellow Students

I remember him well—a big black-haired, black-eyed fellow, kind and honest and true when I knew him, yet only a short time before a beastly drunkard, terrible in fight because of his physical strength and spiritual recklessness, so that men were afraid when they saw him coming. In a camp meeting it was preached that God answered prayer, that He changed the hearts and lives of men, that men who could not manage themselves could get God to manage them, and he believed it and according to his faith it was unto him. How beautiful his life was as a young man—so clean and gentle. It was a glory to God to see a human soul so transformed and he being transformed, of course his works were transformed. He did the things he did not use to do, and he omitted the things in which he formerly delighted, and so God is doing always.

I knew of a man whose moral life was exemplary in every respect but one. He was a greedy man. He was a member of the church. He supported the church, but he loved money. He paid money to support the church because he ruled it, because it enabled him to show his power over his brethren, and still he gathered up and put away. His minister went to see him on a sick bed and was faithful to him. He said to him: "Brother, you are sick because you are selfish. If you do not get victory over your greed and avarice, you will probably die. I fear that your very soul is in peril. Certainly your life is being lost." The minister went away. The sick miser was angry; at the same time he was unable to get away from the truth.

There came to his house not a great while thereafter a poor missionary from China, heart-broken with the miseries of the uncounted millions, willing to risk his own life, to sacrifice his comfort, to live an exile from his home and friends, if only he could see salvation for the poor Chinese. He knew the reputation of this miserly church member. He knew that there was no human reason to suppose that he could receive a penny from him. On the other hand, he knew that he would be welcomed in his house, for it was a part of his office as lord of the church to take care of guests. He was glad to have them in his splendid house. They cost him nothing, practically, and they ministered to his vanity and self-conceit. So this poor missionary was free to go to the house, and having travelled all up and down the Atlantic coast, barely receiving his travelling expenses, he had given his work.

Ordinarily the man did not care to hear about such work. He liked to talk about himself and what he had done and what he was proposing to do, but on this occasion he was strangely moved to inquire about the work in China. The missionary, of course, was glad to tell him about the experiences of months. The weight of the burden on his heart had so benumbed him that he did not even then have any expectation of relief from this source. He knew he was welcome to stay, that he would have a good room in which to sleep and plenty of good food to eat, and that was all that he expected this man to do for him or for the work.

The evening wore on, and finally the rich man drew out a check book, filled in a check and signed it, blotting it and folding it and handing it to the missionary, and said to him: "This will help you some in your work." Ten dollars for such a cause had been a large gift for that avaricious man. The missionary was surprised to receive anything. He sorely needed \$25,000 to put up buildings, that the workers might be housed and that the work might go forward. When he reached his room, still numbed, almost paralyzed with his burden, he opened his check. It was a check for \$25,000, good in any bank in the money world! It lifted his load and sent him on his way—to bury himself in China with a thankful heart.

God Can Move the Human Heart

People who do not know that God can change the hearts of other folk are greatly to be pitied. People who know that God can do this and that He does do this in answer to prayer and thus answer many other prayers, if they fail to exercise this God-given privilege, are greatly to blame. Who of us is there who can plead not guilty to the one or the other of these infidelities? Some of us do not know that God can really change the hearts of men. We think if they are changed we are to change them and beyond doubt, we have our work to perform in this direction, but we can never change the hearts of men.

We cannot change even our own hearts. We have many of us tried to a thousand times and failed. How then shall we change the hearts of others? And if men's hearts are not changed then many prayers which we have put up or which we suppose ourselves to have offered, must remain unanswered, for God operates very largely through men and He operates through men according to their hearts. If their hearts are wrong, the work they do will be wrong. If their hearts are changed and become right, then their works will be changed.

Oh that there might be throughout the length and breadth of the church of Jesus Christ today a new and vital faith in the power of God to answer prayers by changing the hearts of men.

How many fathers and mothers would find the task of lifting their children lightened. How many pastors would find all the schemes of the church vivified, quickened into new life because the hearts of officers and people had been vivified and quickened into new life. How many teachers would find their task lightened, their burdens fall away, if they could only believe that God can change the hearts of men and thus answer their prayers.

Of what use is it to scold, to fret, to whine, when we have access to the throne of God and when God can change the lives of men, and changing the lives of men, provide means, remove difficulties, energize in every way the good things which His honest people desire to see done.

—The End—

In Everything

In everything? In sorrow, pain, and loss?
When some hard lesson racks the weary mind?
When, just before, there looms the threat'ning cross?
When nights are long, and morn brings day unkind?

In everything! Each sorrow and each pain
Is known by One who measures every day;
And lessons hard, well mastered, will make plain
The faithful Teacher planning all the way.

Dost know the cross must come before the crown?
And seed unburied must abide alone?
Dost know the cloud that spreads its sullen frown
Harms not the sun, whose power must be shown?

Then waiting not for that which shall make clear
The tender love in what seems harsh and stern,
O Soul redeemed, look up! Dismiss thy fear!
Now is the time when thanks thou shouldst return!

Author Unknown

From Inspirational and Devotional Verse
Compiled by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

Book Reviews

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C. J. Hoffmann; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.50; 125 pp.

Here are 14 brief sermons by the principal speaker on the International Lutheran Hour radio broadcast. They are interesting, well-written messages dealing with "the Christ, the Cross, and your modern life." However, repeated use of the unreliable J. B. Phillips translation, which is in reality a paraphrase rather than a translation, and the untrustworthy Revised Standard Version make it impossible for us to recommend the book.

MORE ABOUT JESUS, by Mary Cousins; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.50; 172 pp.

This little volume contains 23 stories for children, with 16 accompanying illustrations drawn by Dorit Kettlewell. The stories are interesting, simple and true to the Scriptures. Some, however, may feel that the price is a little high for the amount of material the book contains, even in these days of the shrinking dollar. The pages are small and the type large.

PHILIPPIANS THROUGH THE REVELATION, AN EX-

PANDED TRANSLATION, by Kenneth S. Wuest; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$3.50; 284 pp.

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The author's own description of the work is that it is "a commentary translation, the purpose of which is to clarify the text of the Authorized Version . . . It is to be used in connection with that version, never in its place."

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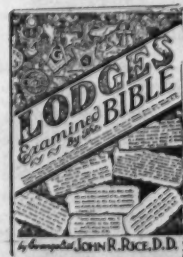
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The Bible

Born in the East and clothed in oriental form and imagery, the Bible walks the ways of all the world with familiar feet and enters land after land to find its own everywhere. It has learned to speak in hundreds of languages to the hearts of men. It comes into the palace to tell the monarch that he is a servant of the Most High, and into the cottage to assure the peasant that he is a son of God.

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It has woven itself into our dearest dreams; so that love, friendship, sympathy and devotion, memory and hope, put on the beautiful garments of its treasured speech, breathing of frankincense and myrrh.

No man is poor or desolate who has this treasure for his own. When the landscape darkens and the trembling pilgrim comes to the Valley named in the Shadow, he is not afraid to enter; he takes the rod and the staff of Scripture in his hand; he says to friend and comrade: "Good-bye, we shall meet again," and comforted by that support, he goes toward the lonely pass as one who walks through darkness into light.

—Henry Van Dyke

Two Drinks

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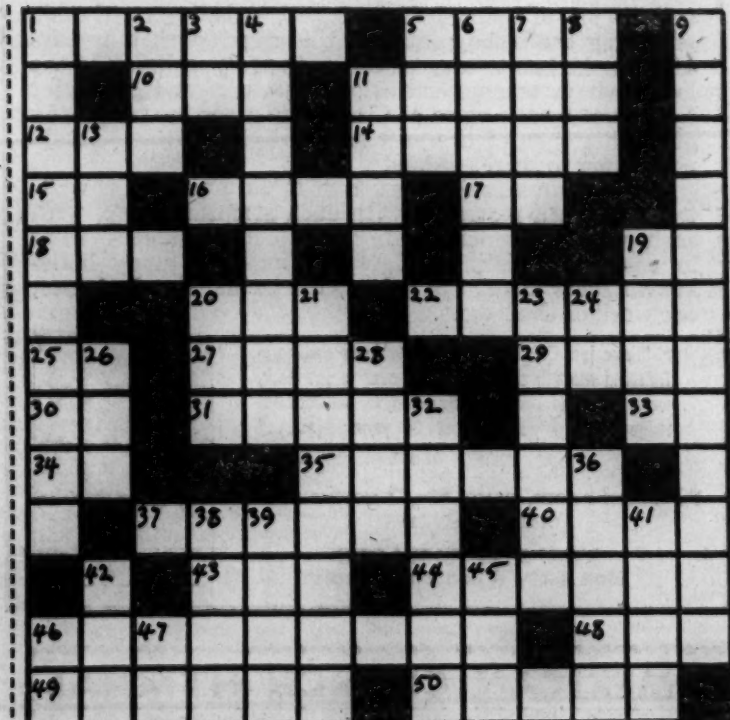
I Samuel 15

King Saul Loses His Kingdom Through Disobedience

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| 1 "Saul came to Carmel, and, _____, he set him up a place" | 1 "Surely the _____ of death is past" |
| 5 king of Israel God rejected | 2 "a just ephah, and a just _____ shall ye have" Lev. 19 |
| 10 anger; wrath | 3 "Whether therefore ye eat, _____ drink, _____ do all to the glory of God" I Cor. 10 |
| 11 to feel anxiety | 4 the first name of Thaddeus (Matt. 10:3) |
| 12 "I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy _____" Isa. 1 | 5 "Jacob _____ pottage: and Esau came from the field" Gen. 25 |
| 14 "sea in which Paul was driven by storm (Acts 27:27)" | 6 "the next day we _____ (d) at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllum" Acts 20 |
| 15 "The Lord sent me _____ anoint thee" | 7 belonging to the father of Beza-leel (Exod. 31:2) |
| 16 "Wherefore then didst thou not _____ the voice of the Lord?" | 8 first two and last letters of name of woman led to the Lord by Paul (Acts 16:14) |
| 17 "he _____ not a man, that he should repent" | 9 "he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my _____" |
| 18 "he put forth the _____ of the rod that was in his hand" I Sam. 14 | 11 "When a man's _____ please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace" Prov. 16 |
| 19 "He saith among the trumpets, _____" Job 39 | 13 an electrified particle in an atom |
| 20 initials of the first man, the first woman, and the son God gave them to take Abel's place (Gen. 4:25) | 19 "thy mercy, O Lord, _____ me up" Ps. 94 |
| 22 to diminish; reduce | 20 first three letters of king of Amalekites whom Saul should not have spared |
| 25 "Samuel came _____ more to see Saul until the day of his death" | 21 "_____ yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice" I Sam. 16 |
| 27 island in Pacific, strategic U.S. possession | 23 "I will give you thirty _____ and thirty change of garments" Judg. 14 |
| 29 "I the Lord thy God will _____ thy right hand" Isa. 41 | 24 same as 34 across |
| 30 a printer's measure (half an em) | 26 town built by Shamed (I Chron. 8:12) |
| 31 descendants of this man returned to Jerusalem after captivity (Ezra 2:50) | 28 "Every _____ that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" Luke 2 |
| 33 initials of two New Testament women known for good works (Acts 9:36; John 12:3) | 32 boy's name |
| 34 "_____ the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites" | 36 "Leave _____ thy gift before the altar, and go thy way" Matt. 5 |
| 35 "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy _____" Matt. 6 | 38 see 39 down |
| 37 "hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is _____ than thou." | 39 and 38 "What meaneth then _____ bleating of the sheep in mine _____?" |
| 40 "Behold, to obey is better _____ sacrifice" | 41 a brother of Eshcol (Gen. 14:13) |
| 43 the son of Abdiel (I Chron. 5:15) | 42 "there was sore _____ against the Philistines all the days of Saul" I Sam. 14 |
| 44 "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are _____ one from another" Gen. 31 | 45 a brother of the second degree (I Chron. 15:18) |
| 46 "the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to _____ unto the Lord" | 46 initials of two strong men (Judg. 16:6; I Sam. 17:4) |
| 48 "thing" in Latin | 47 initials of the world's first two children |
| 49 filled with grass | |
| 50 "_____ ye in at the strait gate" Matt. 7 | |

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Calvary—

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The rich man in Hell had shame and torment.

I rejoice in the blessed fact that Jesus has suffered my shame for me upon the cross. Only glory awaits all the redeemed. The glory of the redeemed is set forth in Revelation 7:13-17:

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

III. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Thirst

In John 19:28: "After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst." Jesus died thirsty. The only request Jesus made for Himself as He died upon the cross was for a drink of water. This one request was denied.

The most of us have waited at the bedside of some dying friend or loved one. In every case the nurses, with great patience, have seen to it that the feverish lips of the person dying were moist. Through the long hours of the night with tender hands the drops of water are placed on the tongue or lips. A little water in such an hour becomes of great value. To die thirsty is to die doubly. Our Lord died thirsty. In fact, His lone request for a drink of water was so refused that they offered vinegar instead. Unthinkable the pain caused by the touching of this burning vinegar to the feverish lips of Jesus. He suffered the agony of thirst that I might have, withal, to drink of water with eternal satisfaction. Jesus said to the woman at the well, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

Not only has my thirst been eternally satisfied but we have become an artesian well flowing with living water. In John 7 Jesus

promised to those who are thirsty the privilege of drinking. With this invitation to drink also is the promise, "... out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." This spake He of the Holy Ghost. The saint who has had his own thirst satisfied can now help satisfy the thirst of multitudes through the "wells" which spring forth from himself.

Note again, in Luke 16 the rich man has an unquenchable thirst in Hell. In verse 24, "And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." In spite of his request, there was no water for this lost man in Hell. He dies for eternity, begging for a drop of water.

Blessed be the Lord, the day shall never be when I shall thirst for physical water and much more when I shall thirst for the refreshing waters of the Spirit. The psalmist declared, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." We are refreshed daily by His presence and are strengthened by our constant drinking from the "fountain that never shall run dry."

IV. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Darkness

In Matthew 27:45, 46, "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, . . . My God, my God, why hath thou forsaken me?" Here is the supernatural darkness of Hell which engulfed the "whole land." This darkness is not that which we are accustomed to. It is the darkness of the pit of Hell. It is the darkness of the pit of Hell which was made for the Devil and his angels.

For this period of three hours God turns His face from Jesus. The Lamb becomes completely forsaken of men and angels. The God of all mercy becomes the God of judgment and wrath. The comforting Spirit refuses to comfort the Lamb as He dies. The ministering angels, who were on hand in Matthew 4 to minister to Jesus after the forty days in the wilderness, are not to be found to minister in the hour that Jesus became sin for us.

Even His earthly disciples have departed and forsaken Him. Some of whom had solemnly declared they would never leave Him or forsake Him, yet now they leave

Him to suffer at the hands of His enemies.

This is the darkness Jude mentions when he reminds us of the fallen angels in Jude 6, "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting CHAINS UNDER DARKNESS unto the judgment of the great day."

It is always a dark day when the judgment of God is loosed upon sin and sinners. It was a dark day when the death angel passed through the land of Egypt. It was a dark day when Achan sinned and all his house was put to death. It was a dark day when Lot was found in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It was a dark day when Saul disobeyed God and failed to slay all the enemies of Israel. It was a dark day when the rich man in Luke 16 lift his eyes in Hell. The darkest day of judgment this world has ever seen was the day God judged my sins in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The darkness of Hell engulfed the cross.

Jesus suffered this darkness that I might have the joy of walking in the light of life. His enduring this darkness places the light in my path in every walk of life. The psalmist said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." I love the light and have, by His work for me on the cross, the absolute assurance of His presence with me through time into eternity.

Consider again the rich man in Hell as he suffers in the darkness of the abyss. Though he could look across the gulf to see Abraham and Lazarus afar off, yet there is no record that he could see those around about himself. The darkness of Hell isolated the rich man. He was chained, as were "the fallen angels," by the darkness of Hell.

V. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Loneliness

In the words of the text in verse 46 of Matthew 27 Jesus sets forth the loneliness He suffered on the cross. Indeed, He was forsaken of God and men. So God had ordained from the foundation of the world. All the types and shadows in the Old Testament set forth the Lamb forsaken and dying alone.

A few months ago I brought a series of messages to my people on the Feast Days of the Old Testament ritual. There are seven such Feasts ordained of the Lord: the Feast of the Passover, the Feast of the First-fruits, the Feast of Weeks, etc. One blessed thing I discovered in my study for those messages was the period of isolation for the lamb before it was slain on the Passover Day. The day for the Feast of the Passover was fixed on the fourteenth day of the first month. However, the lamb to be slain was "put up" on the tenth day of the first month. For three days the lamb was isolated from the rest of the herd. It was taken from the flock and "faced death alone." Then on the fourteenth day the lamb was offered as the Passover lamb.

I submit, the Lord Jesus was also isolated from all His followers three days before the crucifixion. His last days upon this earth were faced altogether alone, forsaken of all who ought to have remained with Him.

Of the hundreds who were disciples of Jesus and who were blessed by His earthly ministry, none were on hand to stand by in the hour of His supreme sacrifice. The twelve disciples fled and were not to be found.

Even the inner-circle of Peter, James and John fled and departed. We see this period of isolation also set forth in type in Genesis 22 when Abraham was instructed to offer Isaac as a burnt-offering to the Lord. In verse 4 we read, "Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off." It was three days after God gave the command to Abraham that they came to the place of death. It was three days after Isaac had departed from his mother and from the handmaidens and from the servants of his father's house that they came to the "mount of death." To me this is no accident. The Lord is setting forth in type even in the first book of the Bible the blessed picture of the death of His Son, the Lamb of God.

He who talks forever about himself has a foolish subject, and is likely to worry and weary all around him.—Spurgeon.

This loneliness was suffered that I might have a constant companion. He was forsaken that I might be adopted into God's family. He suffered the agony of loneliness that I might have the blessedness of the fellowship of the Spirit and angels. The day shall never be when I will be alone. In this life, in the time of sickness, in the hour of death, in the valley of disappointment, in the battle of temptation, I am assured a "very present help in time of trouble."

Consider again the rich man in Hell. He suffers this loneliness. There is none to console him. There is none to comfort. There is none to offer any help. The rich man suffers alone.

VI. Jesus Suffered the Agony of Concern

In John 19:26 Jesus shows His concern for His earthly mother. Even in all the suffering and agony of the cross He is mindful of Mary. He commanded John to take her into his home and keep her as he would his own mother. To me, the fact that this was one of the seven words of Jesus from the cross demonstrates the burden of this agony of concern.

I have said this to remind you of the concern poor lost people have even in Hell for those of their loved ones who are lost and without hope. In Luke 16:27, 28 the rich man said, "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." The rich man wanted no reunion in Hell. He wanted none from "his father's house."

Souls in Hell will find this agony of concern will increase the torment of this place. Mothers in Hell tormented with the possibility of children coming to Hell also. Loved ones in Hell tormented by the possibility of members of their families coming to Hell. Men are often indifferent about their souls and the souls of their loved ones now, but in Hell they will suffer the AGONY OF CONCERN.

VII. Jesus Suffered the Agony of the Second Death

In Hebrews 2:14 we read, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that hath the power of death, that is, the devil." Jesus took upon Himself the seed of the woman in order that He might taste death for every man. He could not have died until and unless He became the son of man. This He did in order that He could die the death of a sinner.

The text I gave at the beginning of this message from II Corinthians 5:21 is at this moment sacredly true: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Jesus at Calvary takes upon Himself the sin of all sinners and pays the sin-debt. He satisfies the righteous demand of God's holy law. He receives the wrath of God in our place and in our stead.

When He died He tasted the "second death" for the trusting sinner. He allowed the wrath of Hell to become His portion. No sinner in Hell, even the rich man, ever suffered more hell than did Jesus on the cross. All these things which Jesus suffered on the cross are but the suffering of poor lost sinners in Hell. The separation, the shame, the thirst, the darkness, the loneliness, the concern, and the "tasting of death" are a picture of my hell which Jesus suffered on the cross.

Had He not willingly died, I would have had to pay the sin-debt myself. Had He not gladly received the curse of sin, I would have had to receive the curse myself. However, since He suffered, bled and died, I am, therefore, free from the curse of sin by accepting Him as a substitute.

As I consider Calvary, I see the sinner's Hell in review. I turn from this scene to lift my eyes Heavenward to bless the name of Jesus and to praise the God and Father of Jesus for His "unspeakable gift" in the person of His Son, Jesus.

With the Evangelists

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American Council of Christian Churches, "with 72 being saved and 34 joining the church." Hal Webb is a graduate of Bob Jones University, and the party features youth and children's meetings and fine music with fundamental Bible preaching.

Hal Webb preaches the Gospel, takes a plain stand against modernism and against compromise with modernism.

Have you come to trust Him? He offers Himself to you as God's Lamb slain in your place and in your stead. Will you not accept Him as yours?

To refuse Jesus and His work upon the cross is to face the sufferings of Hell yourself. We pray for you that you may come to know and to trust Jesus.

Yes, It Was for You

Now let the editor appeal to every lost reader. Pastor Sightler has showed us in the remarkable sermon above that on the cross Jesus suffered the tortures of Hell for sinners. Jesus took the sinner's place.

And if you, dear unconverted sinner, are not to wake up in the torments of Hell and suffer yourself the agonies pictured in this sermon, endured by Jesus and by the rich man in Hell, then you must turn to Jesus and let Him be your substitute, your Saviour. You see, Jesus paid for our sins, and now we can be forgiven. Thank God, this editor has forgiveness and so have Brother Sightler and thousands of others. You may have forgiveness and peace and the certainty of a home in Heaven today if you will personally trust Christ for salvation.

Listen to this sweet and best known verse in the Bible, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God loved you. Jesus died in your place. Now if you will depend upon Him, rely upon Him, and accept Him as your own personal Saviour by faith, then that moment your sins are forgiven, and you become God's child and have everlasting life, and will not perish. Will you do it today?

If you will today personally trust Jesus Christ to forgive you and save you, depending on the price He has paid on the cross and on His blessed promise, will you tell Him so in your heart now, and then immediately sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter and mail it to this editor? I beg you, say yes to the Lord, and then put your name to it at once, and then copy and mail it now.

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Brother Harold B. Sightler's blessed sermon showing how Christ, at Calvary, suffered like the lost man in Hell. I feel grateful in my heart that Jesus took my place and the place of other sinners, that He paid for my sins and made a way for me to be saved. I am tired of sin. I want forgiveness. I want a new heart. I believe that the Lord Jesus loves me and wants to save me as the Bible says. So here and now I trust Jesus Christ to forgive my sins and save my soul. This moment I take Him as my personal Saviour and rely upon Him to make me a Christian now in my heart and to help me to live for God and at last to take me to Heaven. I write this as an open profession that I take Christ as my Saviour. Please tell Brother Sightler that I have accepted Christ today, and please, Brother Rice, write me a letter of encouragement and advice as to how to live for God.

I will openly claim Christ as my Saviour and start to live for Him now by His help.

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Southern Baptist Fellowship Plans

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Andrew Wins Peter

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He will draw near to you. He wants you. God isn't far off from anybody. And so Andrew went with Jesus and that fixed it. He put his trust in Him; he learned to know Him and trusted Him personally as his Saviour.

Andrew Faced the Fact That Peter Was a Lost Sinner

Notice another thing about Andrew. He knew his brother Peter was a lost sinner. Now I am sure he loved Peter, that he had great respect for him. Andrew may have been the younger brother. He at least was the mildest, the more soft-spoken. He didn't talk as loud, didn't have the leadership his brother Peter had. I suppose Andrew knew Peter was an old profane, swearing, cursing fisherman. I know that he had been that because later when temptation came, when he got cold and backslidden, he fell into the old sin and cursed and swore again. But that was only a little thing—I mean little beside a black heart. The fact you did some particular sin may be bad. It is much worse that that sin came out of a black, sinful heart that is an alien from God, estranged from God. And Andrew knew Peter was a poor, lost sinner.

Listen! Don't try to get anyone saved until you get your mind made up that men are lost without God. If you think people, by being good and nice, don't need to be saved, you can't get anybody saved. If you think the only people who need to be born again are down on Skid Row—those who drink and take dope and are criminals and have broken homes and some are vagrants—then you are not equipped to get anybody saved. You don't know what this is all about. The plain, simple truth is that all men and women everywhere are poor, lost sinners until they come to know Jesus Himself and trust Him, and until the Spirit of God comes and changes their hearts and makes them children of God; that is, until they are, in the language of Jesus to Nicodemus, "born again." So Andrew knew that Peter was a poor, lost sinner.

I talked to a boy about twelve whose mother said, "Oh, he is a good boy. He doesn't need to be saved. He is a good boy." Well, he may have been a good boy by our standards, and you may be a good man by your own standards, and your wife may be a good wife by your standards, but nobody is good by God's standards until God makes them good inside.

I talked once to a woman about her husband who was openly unconverted. He didn't claim he had trusted Christ. She said, "Oh, he is such a good man. He is so nice to me, such a good neighbor."

I said, "No, he is not a good man. That is what is wrong with him. He is a bad man with a bad heart. He needs to be born again." Beware of letting your personal affection or your personal respect keep you from knowing that your loved one, your neighbor, your boy, your girl is a poor, lost sinner. Often we do not realize that.

Dr. Bob Shuler, so many years pastor of that Trinity Methodist Church in Los Angeles, tells this remarkable story:

"When I was a boy preacher in Virginia, in the days when the little mining towns were literally alive with vice and immorality, when every payday saw murders and terrible crimes of every variety, I recall that late one afternoon a woman called me, asking if I would come to a certain street and pray with a dying girl. I immediately recognized the address as the very heart of the red-light district of that mining village. She said this girl could not live until morning and was calling for a preacher. I told her I would come.

"I called a fine old man, possibly eighty years of age, asking him if he would go with me on this journey. He agreed. His lovely granddaughter, still in her teens, always played the little organ in the church at the evening services. It was night when we walked up the old board sidewalk. The vile women of the cribs and rooms along the way were in their doors, inviting men to come in. It was a terrible sight.

I saw a Negro man and a white woman, with their arms about each other, reel drunkenly down the sidewalk. The language was filthy. It was my first experience in such an environment. We found the house.

"The girl was dying with tuberculosis. She was wasted and spent, yet beautiful. She told a pitiful story. I urged her to save her fast-going strength. But she was bent on telling me how she had been betrayed by one she loved and then disowned by her own mother. The old saint I had brought along wept. We both prayed by her bedside. She prayed. We remained possibly an hour or more. She said that as best she could she had surrendered to Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. Her profession of faith seemed genuine. Her only trouble seemed to be that she could scarcely believe that Jesus would save one who had come to her place and condition. I told her the stories of the woman at the well of Sychar, of Mary Magdalene, of the thief on the cross. There was hope in her eyes. I quoted the 'whosoever.' I tried to make it plain—this beautiful path of mercy and forgiveness.

"And I am as sure as I am sure, I live to preach this gospel that if that poor penitent child, with her wasted cheeks wet with her tears, gave Jesus her heart that night, she is in a beautiful Heaven even now and her heart is exultant with joy and praise. "As the old man and I walked back down the board sidewalk, the vile picture of a few hours before had quadrupled. I confess that there came over me a kind of sickness. Suddenly I stopped and faced the man who walked with me. 'Brother,' I said, 'did you ever think of your beautiful little granddaughter, who plays the organ down at the church, living forever in a place like this and associating forever with people like these?'

"For a moment I thought the old fellow would strike me. He turned deadly white. It was not terror. He went mad.

"What do you mean by that?" he almost hissed.

"I mean that I talked with her only this week and she told me that she was not a Christian, that she had never accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. If I know the Book and understand the gospel message and the plan of salvation and the destiny of those who will not take Jesus as Saviour and Lord, this is a kind of picture of the eternal abode of the lost, its comradeships, its surroundings, its associations."

"The old man was pathetic, standing there in the night. He did not answer. He walked silently down the walk. We turned and went by his home. He opened the gate and passed through without speaking to me again that evening.

"The next Sunday night the little granddaughter was at the organ in the opening of the service. The old man sat in his place. I preached and made the call. Someone else played the organ in the after service, as the old man walked across to that beautiful girl, her eyes brimming with tears, and they came side by side to the altar. He was taking no more chances. He had seen the picture. I wonder if we believe this text, these words of the Master, this story that He gave us, this truth that He proclaimed. How can we sleep at night with our loved ones and friends lost about us, if indeed we believe it?"

Now you had just as well face this, that your loved ones are lost if they have not been converted. Well, Andrew knew that.

Andrew Went to Seek Peter

He went to find him. That is the way it is in the Bible. "He first findeth his own brother Simon." In the same chapter we find that Jesus "findeth Philip." In this same chapter "Philip findeth Nathanael." That is a great principle about soul winning—go look for them.

After I preached on soul winning in Dallas, a noble good woman said, "You are right, and I am going to try to be a soul winner. If I happen to see anybody this afternoon who is not saved, I will try to get them

saved."

"Well," I said, "that is a good idea, but I am afraid you won't succeed."

"Why not?" she asked. "Because soul winning isn't a happen so. You do that on purpose. You go after them."

"He first findeth his own brother Simon."

That is the way it was in Acts 5:42 when Peter and John were beaten and after their arrest they had been commanded to speak no more in the name of Jesus, and they came back "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." That is it—in every house.

In Luke 14 we find the servant went out to get guests to the supper and he went to some already invited. And the master said, "Go quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor and the halt and the lame and the blind."

He said, "Lord, all right, I have done that. Now what?"

The master said, "Then, get out in the country and every country road, and every farm house and renter's shack. This time, compel them to come in that my house may be filled."

That is it—going after them. Oh, if we would only go get people, we can get them saved.

He went and found his brother.

Andrew First Witnessed at Home

Did you notice that Andrew began with his own brother? That is the way it was in Bible times.

There was a Canaanitish woman who came to Jesus. "O Lord Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me for my daughter, for she is grievously vexed with a devil." God would rather hear you pray for your own daughter, it may be, than some stranger's daughter.

There was the man who brought his devil-possessed son, who had a deaf and dumb spirit, and he said to Jesus, in Mark 9, "If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us." He brought his own son, and Jesus cast out the devil. There are many other cases: Mary and Martha were so concerned they sent for Jesus when Lazarus died. They prayed and Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Well, that is God's plan. We ought to begin with our own.

The Gadarene demoniac, out of whom Jesus cast a legion of devils, said, "Jesus, will you let me go with you? These others don't care. They would rather have their hogs. They were sad because two thousand hogs were drowned, and they would rather have them than have me pure and healed and sane. Jesus, may I go with you?"

"No," Jesus said, "go back to your father's house and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for you and has had compassion on you." Go back to your own folks, Jesus said.

In the Great Commission Jesus said, "Go into all the world... beginning at Jerusalem." Begin where you are; begin with your own family; begin with your own children. The tender affection one has for his own—God uses that.

I once said to a mother, "Why don't you get your little girl saved?" The girl was ten years old, in the fourth or fifth grade.

The mother said, "Well, my little girl loves me so much. I have so much influence over her—I hate to use that. I don't want to bring pressure on her."

To which I replied, "Would you bring pressure on her to keep her from lying or stealing or getting drunk?"

She looked at me shocked and said, "Of course!"

"Then why wouldn't you use all of a mother's tender influence to keep her out of Hell? What do you think God gives a mother influence over her child for?"

She began to weep, and that night she brought the little girl, and the girl was ready to trust Christ as Saviour.

A man came to a revival campaign at Dallas, Texas, and in a preliminary prayer meeting this man sobbed, "Oh, my boy! He is here tonight, sixteen years old! I don't think I can go on if he doesn't get saved. I want you to pray with me about him." That boy was saved that night.

Yes, let's go get our brothers! Go get your own children. Go get your own loved ones. Wife, go tell your husband tonight that he is dearer to you than anybody else in the world and you want to see him saved. You know the tender affection of a loved one. That's why that rich man in Hell, as Jesus told us in Luke, chapter 16, cried out and said, 'Somebody go warn my five brothers. I don't want them to come to this place of torment.' That brotherly affection—God wants to use that. You can bring your own loved ones like Andrew brought Peter.

Sinners Just Need to Come to Jesus

He brought him to Jesus. Andrew said, "I have found the Saviour, the Messiah. He is the one talked about in the Old Testament, the Saviour pictured in all the sacrifices, the one promised in all the prophecies. I have found the Saviour myself." Oh, if you have found Him and you know Him, it is not so hard to bring someone else. I hope you will say, "I am going to go get somebody."

Notice that Andrew didn't get Peter to join a church; he didn't urge him to be baptized; he didn't insist on his learning the catechism. Maybe all that later, certainly Peter was baptized later. But the thing now is that Peter put his personal trust in Jesus. What he needs is just to come to Jesus. For you or for anybody, come to Jesus. And you may bring someone.

Will you get somebody to listen to our broadcast next Sunday? Get this sermon and show it to your loved ones and have them read it. Get my little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and get somebody to read that earnestly, and ask him if he will take Christ as Saviour. Take them with you to church, to hear some gospel sermon. I hope you will.

You can get somebody saved if you go, as did Andrew. He brought his brother Peter to Jesus and said, "We have found the Saviour." You can tell somebody, "I met Jesus. He has forgiven my sins, has given me peace of heart. He will do it for you, too." I hope you will. Oh, I want to hear from a hundred, two hundred people this week who say, "I led somebody to trust in Jesus." Write and tell me.

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—Martin Luther

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